

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 505

Introduced by Senator Mendoza

February 26, 2015

An act to ~~amend Section 14312 of the~~ *add Section 3011.5 to the* Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 505, as amended, Mendoza. ~~Provisional voting. Vote by mail ballots: envelopes.~~

Existing law requires that a vote by mail ballot be available to any registered voter. Existing law requires an elections official to deliver to each qualified applicant for a vote by mail ballot all supplies necessary for the use and return of the ballot, including an identification envelope containing certain information, as specified.

This bill would require the Secretary of State, no later than January 1, 2017, to study and recommend revisions to the design and text of the identification envelope, as specified, and to submit those recommendations to the Legislature.

~~Existing law allows a voter to cast a provisional ballot. Existing law requires that statutes relating to provisional voting be liberally construed in favor of the voter.~~

~~This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that provision.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 3011.5 is added to the Elections Code,*
2 *to read:*
3 *3011.5. No later than January 1, 2017, the Secretary of State*
4 *shall study and recommend to the Legislature revisions to the*
5 *design and text of the identification envelope described in Section*
6 *3011. In making his or her recommendation, the Secretary of State*
7 *shall consider voters' ability to easily understand information*
8 *contained on the envelope.*
9 ~~SECTION 1. Section 14312 of the Elections Code is amended~~
10 ~~to read:~~
11 ~~14312. This article shall be liberally construed in favor of a~~
12 ~~provisional voter.~~